

SMOKE FUND CLOSE TO \$225,000 MARK

Nearly \$12,000 Added in Past Week—New Benefits Planned.

GODOWSKY RECITAL NEXT

Many Other Friends Coming to Front—Prospects Are Brighter Than Ever.

A comparison of the Sun Tobacco Fund figures of last Monday with those of this morning shows a gain in receipts of nearly \$12,000 in a single week. The \$225,000 line is less than \$300 ahead of the total indicated by to-day's table and the quarter million mark is within hailing distance.

In point of fact the amount actually received is now nearer \$230,000 than \$225,000, for more than \$1,500 of the sum of the great Palms Hotel, which hand, the publication of the exact figures being postponed for a day or so to wait related returns.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING NO LONGER A JOKE

Uncle Sam to Put His Family to Bed and Rout Them Out Earlier.

HOOR MORE OF SUNSHINE

Millions to Be Saved in Fuel and Artificial Light When Clocks Are Put Ahead.

Not so very long ago persons who see comedy in every attempt to upset tradition were poking fun at our revered Borough President, Marcus M. Marks, because he was going up and down the land crying the virtues of saving daylight. He was not the only American nor the first American to advertise the wisdom of substituting an hour of daylight for an hour of darkness and thus lengthening the people's time for work and play and saving millions of tons of coal. But as Mr. Marks was the most persistent advocate of the plan in these parts he naturally was made the butt of the jokesters. They went so far as to insist that his unabridged name was Marcus Midnight Marks.

And now Mr. Marks and all the other daylight saving pioneers have the laugh on the crustaceans that ridiculed them, for on the last day of this month the whole country will begin getting up an hour earlier in the morning and going to bed an hour earlier at night and otherwise conforming to the daylight plan as prescribed by Federal law. The bill has passed both the Senate and the House.

The Senate, which in this case was more far seeing or at least quicker to get than the House, passed the bill last summer. It provides for five months of daylight saving, the clock to be set forward an hour on the last Sunday in April and turned back on the last Sunday in September. The House bill extends the period to seven months—from 2 A. M. on the last Sunday in March to 2 A. M. on the last Sunday in October. It is indicated that the Senate will agree to the provisions of the House bill. As soon as it is ratified by both houses the President will sign it. That will be in a few days. So before the month is over the United States will have adopted a measure of national efficiency which Germany has benefited by for three years.

Franklin Pioneer Daylight Saver.

Benjamin Franklin—the Marcus Marks of his time—tried to get the Parisians out of bed with sun away back in 1784, when he was representing the United States in France. He outlined what is virtually the programme to which the world has come, but even a Franklin could not change a national custom without national law to enforce it. Neither could the English builder Willett, who in the early years of this century had a daylight saving bill introduced in every session of Parliament and also wrote a book, "The Waste of Daylight." Willett was tolerated by his friends as a well meaning crank and rejected over by writers for the funny papers as a rare source of amusement. He died without having obtained much recognition—but to-day Great Britain lives according to the Willett schedule. Those Germans adopted daylight saving in 1915 for the sake of their war manufactures. The Allies and a good many neutrals followed suit—England in May, 1916; France in June. The countries that have beaten the United States to the actual fact of daylight saving are Germany, England, France, Italy, Portugal, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Australia, Belgium and parts of Canada.

In England the plan worked so well that it was again put into effect last summer and will be this summer. It made such a hit, in fact, that letters such as this were sent to newspapers: "What stop daylight saving? Who wants long, dreary winter evenings when we might have short ones? It is in winter we want to have daylight more than in summer." "Getting up earlier has hardened us and it is necessary to keep this up for the sake of discipline, health and work. The saving of coal and gas, too, would be considerable and worth while."

In this country the campaign was begun in January, 1917, with a national daylight saving convention at the Hotel Astor. As President Wilson sent a letter endorsing the movement and Prof.

Harold Jacoby, the Columbia University astronomer, placed his scientific O. K. upon it and business men rapidly fell into line. It might be supposed that the running was smooth thereafter. But in the House of Representatives there are many dark side tracks, and daylight saving was pushed off on one of them. However, the House recently dragged it back into daylight, and so we're going to have this summer what we ought to have had long ago.

What Daylight Saving Will Save.

The expected benefits of the daylight saving law have been summarized as follows:

It will save 1,000,000 tons of coal a year; it will save \$40,000,000 in gas and electricity bills, or 40 cents for each person in the country. It will improve public health and morals by giving more daylight hours for both work and recreation; it will increase the production of foodstuffs by giving gardeners an extra hour of light; it will reduce the number of traffic accidents; it will speed freight movement by giving an extra hour for overtime work at piers and other freight terminals; it will permit the Stock Exchange of New York and London to be open for one hour simultaneously (London now closing just as New York opens); it will stimulate interest in all kinds of outdoor sport, as people will have more time to play before darkness falls, and incidentally will permit baseball games to be played at a later hour; it will especially benefit women in industry, as they will be enabled to stop work at the time when the nervous strain is greatest; it will give a sounder last hour of sleep to all except night workers, because there will be less day-break light to disturb them; it will reduce the danger of eye strain, because less reading will be done by artificial light.

It took some time to convince some good Americans that the plan meant anything except monkeying with nature. For example, said a few weeks ago: "When the proposition of daylight saving was first presented to me I didn't give much attention to it. I was busy with other things. I thought it was like a lot of things suggested to help win the war and was not very much interested in it."

"But some gentlemen came down here

one day and explained the plan to me. I saw at once that I had been mistaken and that it was a great thing. I am for it now."

How the plan works has been explained by Senator Calder. "Perhaps 95 per cent. of the adult population of America rises in daylight and retires in darkness during the summer months. With this measure in effect there will be just one more hour of daylight when we are awake and one hour less of darkness. There is nothing intricate about it. Railways will move on the same schedules at the same clock time. The schedules will not even have to be reprinted. Poredated engagements will be kept, and the world, 95 per cent. of which will be asleep when the change of time is made, will never realize it." In other words, suppose a man has been accustomed to getting up at 6:30 A. M., having breakfast at 7:15, catching the 7:45 train for the city, reaching his office at 9, lunching at 12:30 P. M., quitting at 5, dining at 7 and going to bed at 10. He will continue to do exactly that, but because the clocks have been set ahead one hour he will really be doing everything just one hour earlier than he used to do it. The clock, not the sun, has been his guide. So it will continue to be.

FATHER FALATICO IS IN ARMY.

Appointed Chaplain to Minister to Italian Soldiers.

The Rev. Nicholas Falatico, who, for two years, has been attached to St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in West Fourteenth street, of which the Rev. Joseph P. Smith is the pastor, has been appointed a chaplain of the Italian Army. Father Falatico, who is 26 years old, will receive a commission. He was ordained in Rome about six years ago by special permission, has been affiliated with the New York Archdiocese for five years, the last two at St. Bernard's.

The Rev. Patrick P. Carey, formerly rector of the Roman Catholic Church at Wablen, N. Y., and a retired chaplain of the United States Army, will soon be in active service again. He has been recruited by the War Department.

MOVING TO REDUCE INFANT MORTALITY

Child Welfare Board Plans Educational Stations in All Parts of Country.

TO OFFSET WAR'S WASTE

Branch of National Defence Council Acts on Warning Learned From France.

The child welfare board of the Council of National Defence has begun a movement to provide infant welfare stations in all parts of the country. The object is to guard the nation from the dangers of an increasingly high mortality rate among babies and to better the health of young children as well as to give proper medical care to mothers.

Dr. Samuel McCall of Philadelphia has been made chairman of the committee. The secretary is Miss Hannah J. Patterson of the Council of National Defence. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw is cooperating.

A statement issued yesterday shows that there are 300,000 deaths a year in the United States of children less than 5 years of age and that most of these deaths are preventable. The statement says: "To help make up to the nation for the lives lost in actual warfare and to make possible far greater efforts than ever to save child life the committee is striving to insure the carrying out of the best measures."

"While the effects of the war thus far

are hardly appreciable so far as infant mortality in the United States is concerned, America may well take warning and give consideration to the experience of France and to a less alarming degree of the other nations that have been at war for three years and seven months. The birth rate in all warring countries is necessarily less than in normal times. "In a statement made in December, 1917, in the Chamber of Deputies in Paris M. Merlio, a Deputy, said: "The French capital was the lowest of all the large cities of Europe (17.4 per 100, against 19.2 in Berlin, 24.5 in London and 26.7 in Cologne), since 1916 it has declined, falling to 9.8 per 100, while in London it has been maintained at 23.1, in Cologne at 16 and in Berlin and Munich at 12.2 per cent."

The committee is cooperating with State, municipal and county departments of health to increase the efficiency of their work. Attention of communities will be called to the fact of war when the reduction of population and the welfare of the child. Health conditions will be improved wherever the committee can give assistance to this end.

Urges Use of Trained Workers.

Counties will be encouraged to utilize physicians and nurses trained in child welfare and public health work, and medical societies will be urged to stimulate public interest in this service.

Insistence will be made that births be properly recorded. In connection with the establishment of welfare centers, mothers' conferences and classes for girls in the care of the baby will be organized. The importance of milk as a food will be especially urged. The committee's recommendations are these: "Financial provision should be made to enable the mother to stay at home and give proper care to her children. We recommend that all organizations whose purpose it is to care for infants extend their activities to include the child up to the time he enters school."

"Health centres should include prenatal and obstetrical care for mothers, supervision of the infant and supervision of the child from infancy to time of entering school. It is during the first year of life that many of the diseases of childhood and later life first gain foothold in the body. The centres should have on the staffs physicians, nurses, dietitians and trained social workers."

Asks Guardsmen to Wear Uniform.
Gov. Whitman, before starting from the Hotel St. Regis for Albany yesterday afternoon, announced that he had requested National Guard officers to wear their uniforms wherever and whenever practicable, even to business if it can be arranged. He believes the constant presence of uniforms in the streets will give a feeling of security and have a splendid moral effect. The Governor will return to the city Wednesday.

BECAUSE it is necessary for many to travel during the early morning and late afternoon, we suggest that those who find it convenient, use our service between the hours of 10:00 A. M. and 4:01 P. M. They will thus avoid possible delays due to buses being filled to capacity, and their complete comfort will be assured by the seat for every passenger policy of the

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